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Assistant General Counsel

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Acting Chief, Administrative Service

Rental of Aircraft

In accordance with your request of Wednesday, 29 August, I have developed the following information based on informal contacts.

There is apparently no twin engine beachcraft in the Washington area which is available for rental. However, contact with the following services reveals:



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I received the following information from a friend who has rented aircraft from this company. The estimated cost of rental would be approximately \$80 per flying hour, which would include pilot, gasoline and lubricants.

I have found that the rental of airplanes can be obtained on the basis of (a) a rate based on flying hours, and (b) rates based on trips, with a sum applying to flying hours and a sum applying to time on the ground.

It is my assumption that under the arrangement you are speaking of the Government would furnish pilot, gasoline, lubricants and repairs. Therefore, it would appear that the rate of \$100 per flying hour is excessive. Further, if it is assumed that the Government will make all minor and major repairs, then it appears more so that the proposal is excessive. I have quotations from two of the above-named

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services who state that, generally, the cost of a major over-haul per engine runs between \$1,000 and \$1,500, depending upon the condition of the engine.

If you desire more exacting information, I can probably get a proposal as to charter rates and conditions of such rental through a service nearer the New York area.

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